

## **2020 NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL MEETING**

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#### AGENDA

- Session 1 Yesterday (5 May)
  - Updates from the North America region
  - Updates from the GBIF Secretariat
  - GBIF Global Nodes Strategy
  - Regional Engagement Strategy
  - Vision for the Future

## • Session 2 - Today (6 May)

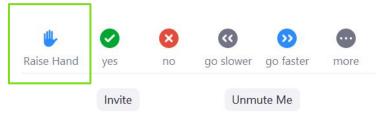
- Questions & Answers
- Discussion



#### **PROTOCOLS & NORMS**

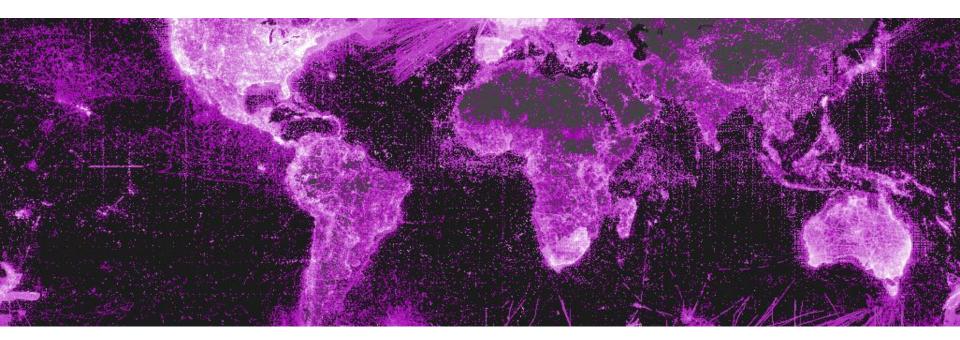
- Sessions are being recorded
- Please keep yourself muted when not speaking
- Use Chat for questions or raise your hand via the Participants tab
- We have created a North America Slack workspace for further discussion

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# **Regional Engagement Strategy**

North America

- Driven by feedback via pre-surveys from this year and prior years
  - Desire for better coordination, collaboration, & sharing
  - Desire clarity in data publishing process
  - Desire joint projects & training
- Regional strategy aligns with several Global Nodes strategic objectives:
  - #1 Regional Coordination
  - #2 Improve Data Relevance
  - #6 Redefine Participation



# Questions/Topics from Day 1 Education/Training

• Who is using the data and how?

#### **Mobilization**

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#### Development

- Are we prepared to answer the pressing research questions of our time? ("New Arctic", #'s of spp)
- How can we "announce" new/updated data?



- Unanswered Questions/Topics from Day 1
  Standards
- How do we address new data types?
  Data Quality

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#### Management

- What is the difference between other regions/nodes and North American Nodes?
- How to make the most of our Mexico connections?



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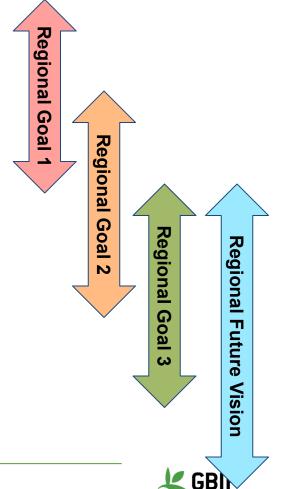
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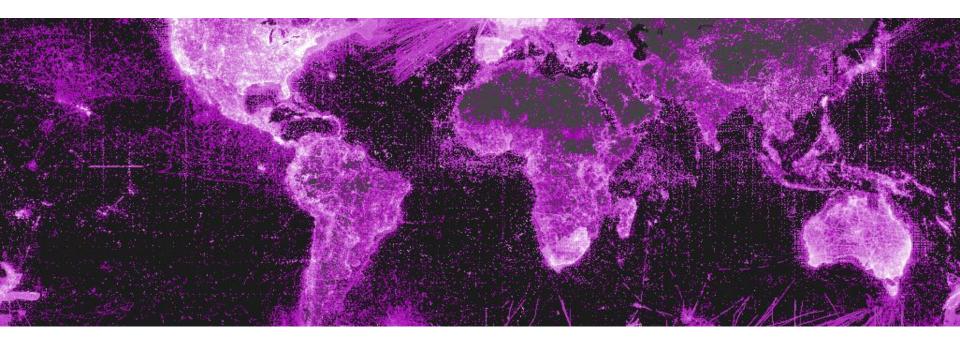
## Ideal Outcomes:

## • Short-term:

- What can we do together now by meeting, agreeing, & documenting?
- Medium-term:
  - What can we do with more focused organisation and some funding?
- Longer-term:
  - What can we do with more funding, dedicated people, and coherent structure?

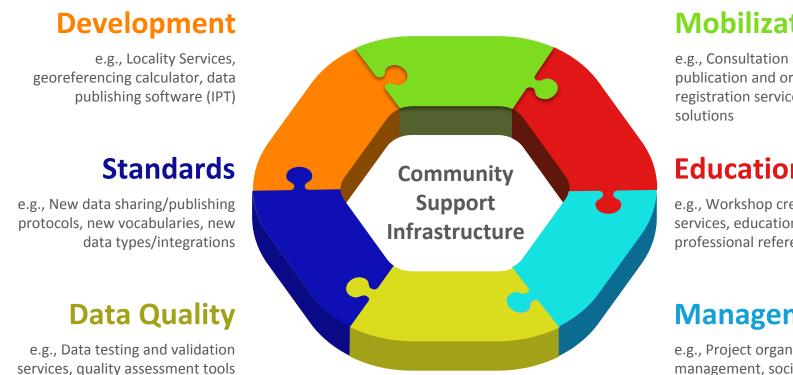






## Discussion

Leverage expertise and experience within the region to create something larger than the sum of our parts:



#### **Mobilization**

e.g., Consultation services for publication and organization, registration services, storage

#### **Education/Training**

e.g., Workshop creation, facilitation services, educational and professional reference materials

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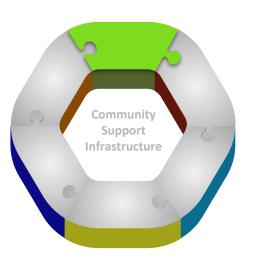


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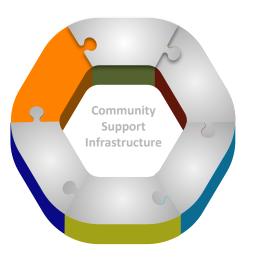


Services for publication and organization, registration services, storage solutions

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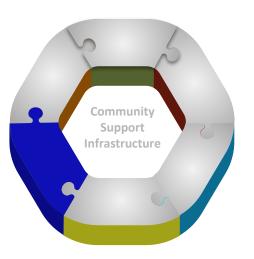


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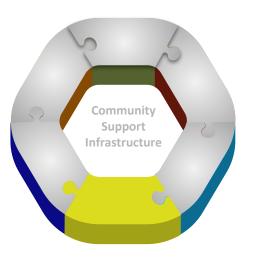


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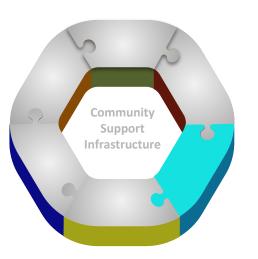


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How do we begin to put these pieces together? Are there some obvious paths forward?

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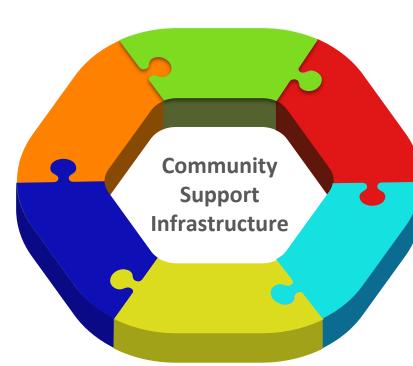
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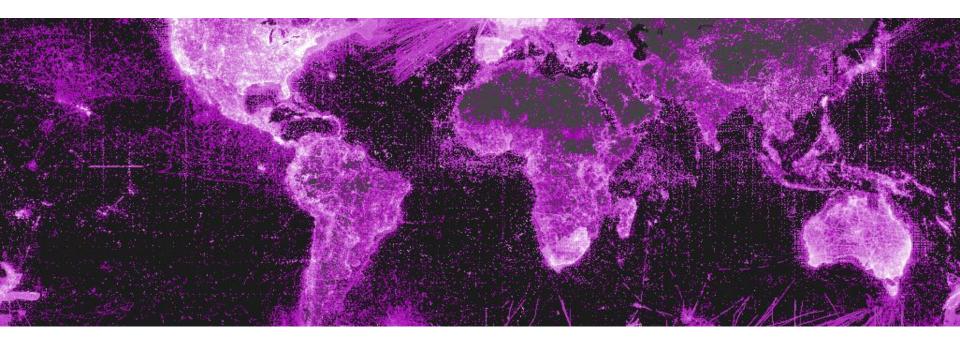
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# Wrap-Up

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## • THANK YOU!

- Materials and resources:
  - Presentations will be added to event page: <u>https://www.gbif.org/event/5iluOArQeYT29U402zDrwi/</u>
  - GBIF overview: <u>https://www.gbif.org/document/81771/</u>
  - Notes Doc: <u>https://shorturl.at/zFNY7</u>
  - North America Slack: <u>https://gbif-north-america.slack.com</u>



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